National population stabilisation fund

†4101. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Population Stabilisation Fund with Rs. 100 crores;

(b) if so, when the said fund was set up;

(c) the heads under which the amount is to be spent from this fund and the amount spent, so far; and

(d) the names of the Organisations who will be responsible for running this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes. The Government is setting up National Population Stabilisation Fund with seed money of Rs. 100 crores to provide a window for canalizing monies from national voluntary sources to specifically aid projects designed to contribute to population stabilisation. As the necessary formalities for setting up the Fund is yet to be completed, no amount has been spent from the Fund so far. As per a recent decision of the Government, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Family Welfare will be administratively responsible for this Fund.

Brachytherapy Machine in LNJP

4102. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the only Brachytherapy machine available in Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain Hospital (LNJP) has been out of order for quite some time;

(b) whether the machine, which is used for treating patients suffering from cancer of the cervix, has not been repaired causing lot of inconvenience and hardship to the cancer patients; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to immediately repair the machine and buy new machines for the convenience of the cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c).The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the machine is in working order. As and when required, the necessary repair is done. There is no proposal to buy a new machine at present.

Revised National TB Control Programme

4103. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved further expansion of the revised National TB Control Programme to cover 700 million people by March, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion in the country, district-wise; and

(c) the number of people covered in the expansion programme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Expansion has been approved upto 800 million of which 700 million is under World Bank assisted Project. 100 million population of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh is being assisted by DANIDA and DFID respectively.

(b) List of Districts approved for RNTCP coverage in the country including implementing as well as districts undergoing preparatory activities is given in the Statement-I *(See* below).

(c) The population covered in the expansion Programme State-wise is given in the Statement-II.